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FORMER YELLOW ROADWAY CORPORATION EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that Frederick C. McBride, 47, Overland Park, Kansas, was sentenced on August 23, 2004, by U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber to 37 months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$172,804.84 in restitution to Yellow Roadway Corporation and \$4,059,776.71 in restitution to Twin City Insurance Company.

Melgren said that McBride entered a guilty plea on June 1, 2004, to two counts of wire fraud.

Melgren said that McBride admitted at his plea that from February 13, 1995, through February 14, 2003, McBride, while a cargo claims examiner for Yellow Transportation, now Yellow Roadway Corporation, devised a scheme to defraud the company. McBride further admitted that he submitted false information and documents purported to represent valid claims for property damage to cargo shipped by Yellow Transportation and would request that Yellow Transportation issue a check for the damage and send these checks to McBride's office in Overland Park, Kansas. McBride admitted that he deposited these checks into various bank accounts and used the money for personal expenses without the knowledge or consent of Yellow Transportation. The court found at sentencing that this scheme resulted in a loss to Yellow Transportation, now Yellow Roadway Corporation, of \$172,804.84 and a loss to Twin City Insurance Company of \$4,059,776.71 and ordered McBride to pay these amounts in restitution.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the U.S. Secret Service, with the assistance of the Yellow Roadway Corporation Security Department, in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Marietta Parker in this prosecution.